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SUBJECT: FCO DESCRIBES PLANNING FOR JANUARY 28 LONDON AFGHANISTAN CONFERENCE REF: A. LONDON 2774 B. LONDON 2816

Classified By: Ambassador Louis Susman for reasons 1.4 b and d

1. (C/NF) Summary. The Afghan government has "not focused" yet on the January 28 London Afghanistan Conference and is "not organized yet to fe
2. (C/NF) Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Permanent Undersecretary Peter Ricketts told the Ambassador in a December 18 telephone convers
3. (C/NF) The Ambassador noted concerns that the Afghan Ambassador had shared with him regarding the UK's planning for the Conference (ref A).
4. (C/NF) Ricketts stressed to the Ambassador that HMG did not want to "dictate" the agenda to the Afghan government, affirming that "we want
5. (C/NF) An FCO officer charged with Conference planning told Poloff in a separate conversation December 18 that the December 21 meeting in I
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